

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

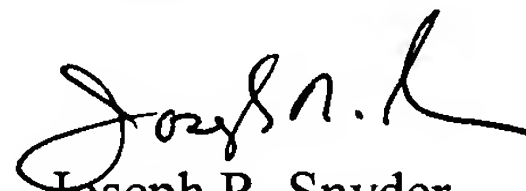
Claims 28-58 and 82-88 are pending in this application, and presented for examination. Claims 28-41 and 82-88 have been allowed. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 42-58 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting for allegedly being obvious over claims 1-5 of U.S. Patent No. 6,392,069. Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

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